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# Summer Bridge Activity Workbook

12 Weeks of Summer Practice for Ages 10–11  
Math • Reading • Writing • Bonus Puzzles



FOR 5TH TO 6TH GRADE

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HELLO, SUMMER LEARNER!

# How to use this book

This book has 12 weeks of summer practice. Each week gives you five days of activities that take about 20 minutes a day. You'll do a bit of math, a short reading, some writing, a vocabulary warm-up, and a fun bonus puzzle. Finish a week, check off the weekly goals, and give yourself a high-five.

## Do a little every day

Twenty minutes beats an hour once a week.  
Make it a summer habit.

## Use a pencil

It's okay to erase and try again — smart learners do that all the time.

## Read the instructions

Each section has a small helper note. Give it a quick look first.

## Celebrate progress

Track finished days on the weekly opener.  
Ten days = one victory lap.

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## WEEK 01

# Forecast Week



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**THIS WEEK YOU'LL PRACTICE**

Order of operations with parentheses, citing explicit and inferential evidence, and organizing an opinion paragraph with reasons.

## Weekly Goals

- Evaluate expressions using PEMDAS correctly.
- Cite both explicit and inferential evidence from a text.
- State a clear opinion and back it with three reasons.

Days completed:

D1

D2

D3

D4

D5

## How are you feeling about this week?

Let's go!

Curious

Need help

# Monday • Warm-Up

DAY 1

## Math Warm-Up

Evaluate each expression. Show your order of operations.

1.  $8 + 4 \times 3 = \underline{\quad}$

2.  $(8 + 4) \times 3 = \underline{\quad}$

3.  $20 - 6 \div 2 = \underline{\quad}$

4.  $(20 - 6) \div 2 = \underline{\quad}$

5.  $5 \times (7 - 3) + 2 = \underline{\quad}$

6.  $36 \div (2 + 4) \times 5 = \underline{\quad}$

7.  $2 + 3^2 = \underline{\quad}$

8.  $(2 + 3)^2 = \underline{\quad}$

9.  $100 - 4 \times 15 = \underline{\quad}$

10. Write an expression for 'twice the sum of 9 and 6':  $\underline{\quad}$

### Bridge to 6th

6.EE.A.1: Evaluate  $2^3 \times 5 = \underline{\quad}$  Evaluate  $4^2 + 3^2 = \underline{\quad}$

## Read Together

### The Storm Chaser

Dr. Mena Park studied hurricanes for a living. Most people flee storms; she ran toward them. Her team loaded pressure sensors into a reinforced truck and drove into the outer bands of a tropical depression near Tampa. 'The data we collect saves lives,' she told the news crew who trailed behind in a van. 'We can warn communities six hours earlier when we know the wind field.' Her nephew Arturo rode along that summer, gripping the armrest as rain lashed the windshield. He was scared, but Dr. Park's calm voice narrating each reading made him feel brave. By the time the storm weakened offshore, Arturo had already decided his future major.

1. Why does Dr. Park chase storms? Cite one explicit reason from the text.

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2. Infer: what major is Arturo likely to choose? Support with evidence.

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3. What is the theme of this passage?

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4. How does the author build suspense in paragraph 2?

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The phrase 'wind field' most likely means —

- an area where wind is measured
- a farm field destroyed by wind
- a type of wind chime

